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Non-Responsive Election

The reply filed on 9/27/2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has not elected a species that is a *final* species of dopant molecule that is a "membrane protein", wherein the species of membrane proteins are cell adhesion protein from the immunoglobulin ("Ig") superfamily, (see Remarks, entered 9/27/2006, at p. 6; Remarks, entered 11/24/2004, at p. 8, para 3).

In the Remarks, entered 11/24/2004, applicant elected a cell adhesion protein dopant molecule that are cell adhesion proteins from the immunoglobulin superfamily. In the Remarks, entered 9/27/2006, applicant clarifies that the proteins in amended claim 9 and new claims 25 and 26, are members of the previously elected immunoglobulin superfamily, (but see, below discussion).

However, applicant has not elected a *final* species of dopant molecule that is a member of immunoglobulin superfamily, as required. Specifically, applicant was required to, *and must still*, elect a *final* dopant from the apparent Markush groups in, amended claim 9 and new claims 25 and 26 is selected from the group consisting of ICAM, N-CAM, C-CAM, major histocompatibility complex (MHC) protein and MHC peptides.

Furthermore, it is unclear whether the membrane proteins that are selectin or integrin, (as in claims 25 and 26), are members of the elected immunoglobulin superfamily; if they are not members, then an election of either selectin or integrin will

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be considered non-responsive. Applicant must clarify this status of selectin and integrin.

See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark L. Shibuya, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0806. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. James Schultz can be reached on (571) 272-0763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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